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 Wolfgang Günter RUCKMANN et al. ) Art Unit: 3721  
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 Application No. : 09/926,177 ) Examiner: Louis B. Tran  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of September 2, 2003 in the above-identified U.S. patent application, please amend the application, as filed, as amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed April 19, 2002, and as further amended by the Amendment filed July 10, 2003, as follows:

*Duplicate accepted  
 mail date = December 1, 2003*

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